

In anticipation of the upcoming storm this Labor Day weekend, Newtown's First Selectman and the Emergency Management Office urge residents to make appropriate preparations to ensure personal safety and readiness. Also, make appropriate provisions to protect your pets. Please review your preparedness.

Be Informed. It is critically important to be informed, and how people seek information can vary greatly. The best things residents can do are

- [Click here to register](#) with **CodeRed** so you can receive CodeRED alerts that are provided by the Town and include your cell phone number so you may receive the messages – or call 203-270-4370 for assistance;
- Register with **Smart911** so a specific profile can be created for family members, pets, home details, etc, and the information is secure. You can do that at the link on the Town website or if you don't have internet access, call Maureen Will at Newtown Emergency Communications (203) 270-4296 for assistance.
- Subscribe to **News and Announcements** so you can receive info that is sent out to the community from the First Selectmen's office. Sign up on the Town website: <http://newtown-ct.gov/Subscriber>
- Tune into local news and radio to stay up to date about impending weather or other emergencies.
- Make sure your cell phones and other mobile devices are fully charged in the event the power goes out.

Excellent website for preparedness: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Consider Health and Medical Needs

Many residents live successfully and independently with health conditions and medical needs by understanding what it takes to manage them. Severe conditions and/or power outage can dramatically interfere with that success. It is important for individuals who have such needs to plan for emergencies. Review continuity of care from existing professional assistance, supply of medications, home delivery of essential supplies such as oxygen, durable medical equipment, and other specific needs. Have an up-to-date list of your prescription and non-prescription medications.

Important numbers and contact information:

Always, if there is a Life Safety Emergency – call 911

To report a power outage – call 800-286-2000

Connecticut's free information and referral service: call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

The Municipal Center at Fairfield Hills

First Selectman's office Tel (203) 270-4201,
Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Tel (203) 270-4370,
Health District Tel (203) 270-4291.